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Montana Medicaid Notice

Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers

Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling

This notice is strictly for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and clarifies the notice of September 14, 2007, concerning smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling.

Montana Medicaid and ACS announced the coverage of two levels of smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling—intermediate and intensive—effective July 1, 2007. The coverage is available to all Medicaid clients who use tobacco. Patients must be competent and alert at the time services are provided. The qualified practitioner and the patient have flexibility to choose between intermediate or intensive cessation strategies for each session.

Coverage for up to three minutes of counseling is considered to be included in reimbursement for the standard evaluation and management (E&M) office visit. When billing for more than three minutes of smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling, the following HCPCS codes must be used:

- **G0375:** Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than three minutes up to ten minutes.
- **G0376:** Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; greater than ten minutes.

RHCs and FQHCs must bill the most appropriate revenue code among 521, 522, 524, 525, 527 or 528. RHCs and FQHCs must not bill revenue code 942. RHCs and FQHCs must bill HCPCS code G0375 or G0376. This service is considered a medical health visit for purposes of determining if there were two visits on the same day. Reimbursement for this service will be at the provider specific all-inclusive prospective payment amount.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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